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Army recognizes Picatinny, Benet Labs engineers for their scientific advances

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Twenty-eight U.S. Army Armament Research Development and Engineering Center scientists and engineers were named Aug. 24 as recipients of the 2009 Army Research and Development Achievement Award for eight projects recognized for their significance.

The ARDEC personnel were named in a memorandum by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research and Technology), Marilyn Miller Freeman. In total, 41 projects from research and development organizations from across the Army were recognized.

"This award is reserved for significant military accomplishments in science and engineering," said ARDEC Director Gerardo Melendez. "Accomplishments like this are so ground-breaking that, for example, they establish a new scientific basis from which other developments will ensue. They materially improve the Army's technical capability, or they exhibit engineering leadership that advances important projects or efforts."

All award winners will receive an official plaque from the Department of the Army that will be presented by their organizations.

"Each of the personnel named in this award has contributed to the

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Thaddius Dawkins

STORMING THE BEACH -- U.S. Army soldiers ride in a zodiac boat and prepare to storm the beach at Mott Lake during their waterborne operations training Aug. 26 at Fort Bragg, N.C. The soldiers are assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Joint-service teamwork yields savings, warfighter safety

BY TRACY ROBILLARD

Picatinny Public Affairs

Anyone familiar with the military's acquisition process knows it takes a huge team effort from people and organizations, both federal and private, to take an idea from concept to reality.

The recent success story at Picatinny to research and qualify a new, safer explosive to replace TNT is one example of how teamwork and collaboration can help provide a life-saving product to the warfighter as quickly as possible.

This new product, called IMX-101 (Insensitive Munitions Explosive 101), will be loaded into 155mm M795 projectiles for Army and Marines as early as next year, thanks to a massive team effort to expedite research and development.

"It normally takes four or five years to qualify a new round such as the M795 with a novel explosive like IMX-101, but this group of professionals did it in about 24 months," said Anthony Di Stasio, lead project officer with the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) here.

Charlie Patel, program management engineer with Project Manager, Combat Ammunition Systems (PM-CAS), agrees. "It was truly a joint-service effort. All the organizations involved helped us to accelerate the project so we could get it to the warfighter quicker."

The explosive was recently awarded first place in the new materials category of the 2010 Defense News Technology and Innovation Awards. Its developers were also recognized for the achievement (see page 3).

IMX-101 was selected from more than 80 nominations of products that came to market in the past year. The material was selected for its advancement in the



Photo by Timothy L. Rider

Philip Samuels, chemical engineer (left) and Anthony Di Stasio, lead project officer (right), both members of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, look at seven different fuze plugs designed by ARDEC to accommodate the IMX-101-loaded M795 projectile.

field of ammunitions, cost savings and it benefits to the warfighter, according to Defense News.

The priority for developing this awardwinning project was recognized from the top of the Department of Defense, starting with the Office of the Secretary of Defense – Technology Transition Office, which listed the project as their number one priority program, Di Stasio said.

Other key contributors to the project include the Project Executive Office for Ammunition (PEO Ammo) and PMCAS, as well as ARDEC, the Army Research Laboratory, BAE Corporation and the Joint Insensitive Munitions Technology Program (JIMTP).

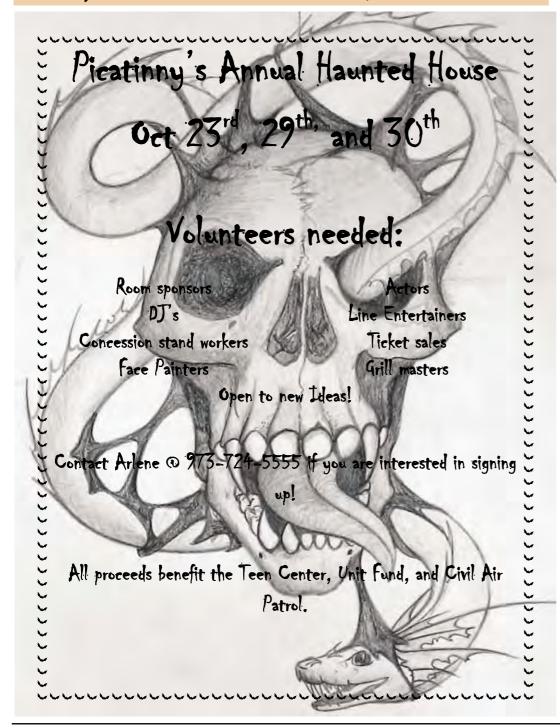
"The teamwork on this effort was some of the best I have ever seen," said Patrick J. Baker, lead project officer for JIMTIP. "It shows what a diverse technical team that includes labs, centers, industry and PMs can accomplish."

Baker said JIMTP was strongly interested in the program because it had high potential for transition to the field because both the Army and Marine Corps were providing funding.

"Transitions are difficult and sometimes costly. The leveraging of dollars can really pay off in driving out risk and overcoming technical hurdles that are bound

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CALENDAR WATCH: Sept. 22, Maj. Gen. Nickolas Justice, commanding general, Research, Development and Engineering Command. Superior Unit Award Ceremony / Town Hall. Lindner Conference Center, 9 a.m.



Prizes tied to housing survey

The Annual Army Housing Survey time is approaching.

In a few weeks, family housing residents will be receiving the Residential Community Initiative Resident Satisfaction Survey

By completing and returning surveys, residents qualify for weekly drawings, the first to be held Sept.17.

Prizes include \$100 gift cards, a \$200 gift card, golf lessons, complimentary dinner for four, and much more. The survey deadline date is on or about Oct. 22, 2010

"We truly strive to exceed our resident's expectations and hope that every resident enjoyed their home and the services that we provided," said Dolores LaRosa,

community manager for Balfour Beatty Communities.

Residents can return surveys using the postage-paid envelopes provided, or they can simply take the survey to the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office. Survey data is confidential and anonymous.

"The survey allows us to see where we are succeeding and where there is room for improvement," said LaRosa.

"It's important for residents to fill them out honestly."

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Customer comment cards for all Garrison services are available on-line 24/7. ICE can also be accessed through the Garrison homepage at http://garrison.pica.army.mil/.

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Awards spotlight practical engineering prowess

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Army's mission in a big way," said Melendez. "Since all of the scientists in the Army Research Development and Engineering Command work as a community, all of the honorees will contribute to our nation, and even to what we do moving forward here at Picatinny, but I'm especially proud of the great showing from the ARDEC engineers named in this year's program."

Here is a list of the ARDEC teams and the accomplishments for which they have been recognized:

I-20 Expedient Materiel Solution Development for the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Survivability Armor **Technology Objective**

The Team: Richard Fong, LaMar Thompson, Robert

Over four months, this Picatinny Arsenal team rapidly co-developed a solution under a joint effort with an international partner to many of the current and emerging threats faced by warfighters, including those posed by the deadly, hull-piercing devices known as explosively formed penetrators. Incorporating a technology known as multiple velocity reactive armor, as well as an ultrahigh-strength composite material, the solution increases the survivability of many current wheeled vehicles by protecting key areas of the vehicle. At 40 percent the weight of state-of-the-art passive armor technology, the new technology was optimized to defeat a wide range of threats and was live-fire tested. The material solution was packaged into a modular kit design and successfully integrated onto a demonstrator platform.

Deadly Drone:

Lethal Unmanned Aerial System The Team: Barry Schwartz, Lloyd Khuc, Velan Mudaliar, Mark E. Wessel, Atmin Purohit

This team from Picatinny Arsenal is developing an unmanned aerial system (UAS) that is man-portable and capable of delivering a warhead on target in an innovative way. Flown in a UAS, the payload can be flown remotely by an operator or along a course of pre-determined points programmed into a navigational computer. With its advanced Electronic Safe/Arm Device fuzes, the operator retains several options for remotely arming the drone's on-board explosive to detonate above ground or on target impact. Compared to typical artillery, the system provides a significant advantage because it provides a method of delivering a range of effects while significantly reducing the risk that the origin of the round can be determined by the enemy. While the team's goal is to develop a shoulder fired, tube-launched UAS, it has already demonstrated a system that can be launched from ground rails using compressed gas.

Finding the Hidden Enemy Fighter:

Dual Color Optical Retroscope

The Team: Paul Willson, V. Swaminathan, Gabriel Chan, Maj. Brian E Souhan, Deepak Bupathi

This team of Picatinny Arsenal scientists and engineers performed research, development and testing of a tool for detecting optical elements such as telescopes, cameras, binoculars, and aiming devices, which are indicators of enemy positions and activities. If such optical elements can be reliably detected before a sniper fires or an improvised explosive device is set off, lives can be spared. With a unique combination of lenses, light sources, computers and software, the retroscope demonstrably performs initial classification of target types while reducing clutter and false warnings. A patent for the "Dual Color Retro-Reflection Sensing Device" was filed in June of 2009.

Multipurpose Munition:

The Advance Hardened Combined Effects Warhead for the Medium Range Munition

The Team: Jeffrey Kraft, David Pfau, Daniel Suarez

Using cutting edge developments in high-rate computational analysis, this Picatinny Arsenal team has developed the hardened combined effects warhead. This new technology combines the heavy armor penetration ability of a shaped charge with a "bash-through" capability of a hardened warhead. These attributes combined into one munition maximizes effectiveness and performance against a wide range of targets, which in turn improves the overall effectiveness of the warfighter. It also reduces the mission planning and logistics burden, both of which decrease the long-term cost of maintaining munitions.

Implementation of Reduced Sensitivity Explosives to Replace TNT and Composition B

The Team: Sanjeev Singh, Philip Samuels, Anthony DiStasio, Chandrark Patel

The team of engineers from ARDEC and Program Executive Office for Ammunition created and followed through on a program to replace TNT and Composition B with a new class of explosives for use by Soldiers and Marines that is unlikely to explode if shot or hit by roadside bomb fragments during transportation or in storage.

The new class of explosives has recently been successfully tested and plans are in place to replace TNT and Composition B in most of the Army's artillery rounds used by U.S. troops.

The new explosive will significantly improve the warfighter's chances of surviving attacks or accidents while carrying the rounds and improves the reliability of supplies into combat areas.

Green Detonator:

NOL-130G: The First Lead-Free STAB Initiation Mixture

The Team: Neha Mehta, Karl D. Oyler, Gartung Cheng, Emily Cordaro

This Picatinny Arsenal team developed NOL-130G, which is made with Triazine Triazide (TTA), a highnitrogen organic compound designed to completely replace the hazardous heavy metal compounds, lead azide and lead styphnate, in the initiating charge of the widelyused M55 detonator. Lead compounds are extremely toxic and difficult to remove from the environment.

This development arrives just in time, as the most widely used primary explosive, lead azide, is no longer produced in the U.S., meaning the military currently relies on a dwindling stockpile that will only last for three-to-five more years. This development can reduce the exposure of the warfighter to toxic, harmful substances and simultaneously helps to circumvent a difficult production issue. The formulation has been successfully

Explosively Forged:

Explosive Bonding and Machining Technologies The Team: Frank Campo, Mark Miller, William de

This team of engineers - Campo and Miller from ARDEC's Benet Labs, Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y., and de Rosset from Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., achieved what industry experts said could not be done.

They clad a tantalum-10 tungsten (Ta-10W) refractory metal liner onto the inside of a full-length gun bore with a progressive twist rifling pattern using explosive bonding. The new liner and bonding process will replace the conventional chrome plating of gun barrels that involves the biologically hazardous hexavalent chrome.

This allows the Army to be in compliance with a mandate from the Under Secretary of Defense to eliminate hexavalent chrome.

Their innovation enables current and future weapon systems to use higher energy propellants resulting in increased muzzle velocity. This provides warfighters an enormous increase in lethality when firing these weapons in the battlefield.

Piezo Powered:

Energy Harvesting Electronic Round Counter The Team: Mark A. Johnson, Mark A. Doxbeck

Since many gun and mortar tubes are removed from service after firing a pre-determined number of rounds, Soldiers have used paper cards to track the number of rounds fired.

These cards are sometimes lost, and no automated method of keeping track of the rounds fired has been

This ARDEC team from Benet Labs, Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y., developed a system that takes advantage of advanced piezo-ceramic technology to capture enough of a charge from a round firing to activate a memory storage device that requires no batteries.

The device is currently being tested and improved to handle the range of environmental conditions faced

A patent was awarded May 18, 2010 to Johnson and Andrew Littlefield, also of Benet Labs.

Teamwork involved all military services

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to arise with any technology," Baker said. The team tested the new explosive and

rounds all over the country in 12 different states, working with partners from all branches of the military.

"We worked with installations and facilities from all services—it was a total team effort," said Philip Samuels, AR-

DEC chemical engineer. "We did tests at Air Force and Navy bases, as well as Army and Marines facilities. The drive to work together and finish the project was contagious."

Not only were the rounds tested at joint-service facilities, they were also designed with one-on-one collaboration with the warfighter.

"We've had Marine's with us every step of the way. If we changed anything, we consulted them first and got their feedback," Samuels said.

One example of how the team responded to customer needs is the development of a meltable fuze plug on the 155mm M795 artillery round.

The old plug was made of steel, but it did not meet all the insensitive munitions requirements.

"We needed a plug that could melt off when the explosive was heated, but the Marines really wanted us to keep the curved handle on it because they use it to grab the round when they load it in the field," Di Stasio said.

The team developed seven versions of the plug, each time going back to the users for their opinion.

"This was the least complicated piece to make in the project, but it's the one we redesigned the most times,"Di Stasio

Despite all the challenges and obstacles, the team persevered.

"Being able to accomplish this in less than half the typical R&D cycle time is a tribute to the Joint-Service Integrated Product Team," Patel said.

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Army vs. Rutgers Football Saturday, Oct. 16 at the NEW Giants Stadium at the Meadowlands Lower level seats are \$65, upper level seats \$55. No transportation is included. Actual seat location is not available ahead of time.

Tickets must be paid for when you make your reservation. We will then order from the Army ticket office and the tickets will be available for pick up around 1 Oct. You will be e-mailed when the tickets arrive.

You can stop by the "Take Off" Center in Bldg 34 from M-F, 0730 to 1530 to order your tickets. We accept cash, check, MasterCard or Visa. You can call also 973-724-

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For more information, or to sign up for a space on the lot, contact Leisure Travel Services at extention 4041.

The new lot is made available through the office of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Iconic Cannon Gate symbol gets legal protection

BY TRACY ROBILLARD

Picatinny Public Affairs

Earlier this summer, the Public Affairs office received a request from a private company to use the Picatinny Cannon Gate logo on its brochures and other trade show materials.

While the logo might attract potential customers, such use is also a serious violation of Picatinny Arsenal's legal trademark rights.

Though many people may copy images and logos from the Internet, they may be unaware of the rules regarding trademarked items like Picatinny's Cannon Gate.

"All U.S. Army logos, including the Cannon Gate logo, are trademarks of the U.S. Army, and their use is strictly limited to Army purposes," said Henry S. Goldfine, Picatinny patent attorney. "The Army objects to any commercial use of its trademarks without the express approval of the Army – regardless of the products or organization associated with the use.'

A trademark identifies the provider of a particular good or service. Essentially, it's a "badge of origin" that lets the public know who or what organization originated a product or service.

Picatinny's badge of origin, commonly known as a black, wrought-iron gate with cannon posts, received a national trademark from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on Aug. 24,

Under the USPTO registration, Picatinny and the U.S. Army have sole ownership rights to the Cannon Gate trademark, as well as the right to seek an injunction in court to halt infringement of the trademark.

Securing the official trademark for the Cannon Gate, which took nearly two years, was quite a feat for Picatinny's le-

"On average, it takes about a year to a year and a half to get a trademark, though it can take up to three or four years," Goldfine said. "We spent a lot of time researching the first interstate commercial use of the Cannon Gate logo, which is one of the items you must include in all trademark applications."

Finding the first commercial use required the help of Patrick Owens, a historian with the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The Cannon Gate has a long history at Picatinny, where it has stood at what used to be the main entrance to the arsenal since 1885. The gate has four, 8-inch Columbiad cannons topped with four cannon balls. The Ordnance seal appears in the center of both doors.

Through many Internet searches and physical hunts through Picatinny's historical library, the team discovered that





The symbol above was recently approved for trademark protection. To see a photo of the actual gate taken in 1941, turn to page 7.

the Cannon Gate was manufactured by the Cornell Iron Works of New York City in 1885. But evidence of the gate symbol to represent the arsenal was first found for June of 1989.

"The gate really has not been an official logo until the granting of this trademark," Owens said. "In fact, back in 1980, the installation considered using the forge monument by Building 151 as its logo. That idea did not stick.'

But in 1989, the ARDEC historical office began using the Cannon Gate symbol to decorate annual historical reports. Shortly afterward, the gate started to appear on organizational signs in front of key buildings, Owens said.

While the gate has not been locked since World War I, the symbolism it represents is now "locked" in the public record, as the USPTO documented the Cannon Gate as a symbol for providing research, development and engineering services for advanced military weapons systems and military munitions.

The Cannon Gate can only be used in an official, authorized capacity by the owner. Using Picatinny's Cannon Gate logo for non-Army use might confuse consumers into believing the Army or Picatinny has approved, endorsed, tested or safety-certified the product. The appearance of a commercial endorsement is prohibited.

"Any use of a local Picatinny Arsenal trademark must be appropriate to Picatinny's mission, and indicative of the high-quality standards represented in Picatinny's products and services," Goldfine said.

The Registered Trademark Symbol "®" sometimes called Circle-R - should be included on all promotional or marketing materials featuring the Cannon Gate, such as ads, flyers, Web sites, publications, etc.

Picatinny is incorporating the trademarked symbol on its Web sites and publications, but everyone should know the policy, Goldfine said. Use of the Cannon Gate trademark must be approved by a directorate leader, or if its use implies Picatinny as a whole, approval from Public Affairs. Moreover, it must always be approved by a Picatinny intellectual property attorney. Henry Goldfine can be reached at henry.goldfine@conus. army.mil.



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Looking Back ... At Picatinny

Picatinny reaches 130th birthday

After 1926 explosion, installation literally rose from the rubble



The explosion at Lake Denmark Naval Ammunition Depot on July 10, 1926 leveled much of Picatinny, as shown here. The initial appropriation for rebuilding the arsenal was \$3 million.



The Navy tested rockets, including the X-1 rocket plane which broke the sound barrier, here from 1946 to 1960. Then, Picatinny took over the facility and continued rocket testing until 1972. Shown here is Test Area D, one of five such areas. Its remnants are still on Snake Hill Road.

Immediately after opening, Picatinny started construction of Magazine #1 in 1880 and finished it in 1882. Now building 307, the structure has had many uses, most recently as an engineer's shop, and is now undergoing remodeling as a home for advanced plastics research.



BY PATRICK J. OWENS

ARDEC Historian

Monday, Sept. 6, was not just Labor Day. It was also the 130th anniversary of the founding of the installation, which gives us the opportunity to labor.

In 1866, the United States Army decided it needed a large black powder storage facility near the Atlantic Coast.

Moving with all deliberate speed, it opened the Dover Powder Depot fourteen years later, on Sept. 6, 1880.

Four days later, because the installation was not in Dover, the name changed to Piccatinny Powder Depot. The second "c" soon disappeared, and the Picatinny spelling prevailed for the remainder of the base's 130 years and should last as long as the instal-

Even when the base used other names, Picatinny survived as its freight and postal

Storing powder may seem a quiet and staid occupation, but the depot was a very active

First, there was the continuing construction of magazines, rail road lines, and housing for the workers.

Then, there were the workers who not only loaded and unloaded kegs but were constantly cutting brush and grass to prevent fires near the explosives.

In 1880, a general laborer could earn as much \$1.25 a day, a skilled stonemason

Later, the work would expand to loading shells and making powder. With the powder factory, the base began employing scientists and engineers.

After World War I, it added research and development on large-caliber munitions to its mission and began employing large numbers of specialized workers.

By World War II, a chemist could earn \$2,600 a year.

In the past 130 years, at least 56 Picatinnyans have died in the line of duty.

Still, they keep going.

The place which started out as a mere storage depot, has evolved so that it now has a hand in developing every Army item that goes boom!

56 employees have died in the line of duty



The Army built its smokeless powder factory here in 1907. This 1919 photo shows the part of the dehydrating operation in the original factory in the present 500 area. When the 1926 explosion destroyed it, Picatinny built a replacement in the 400 area. It stayed in operation until the 1977.



This 1953 photo of the float Picatinny displayed at local parades and events shows key projects of the mid-20th Century.



Erected in 1885, the Cannon Gate was at the original south boundary of the installation and was the main entrance until the arsenal purchased the land between it and Route 15 in 1941. This photo dates from just before the change in boundaries.

Turn to page 8 for a photo of the 130th birthday cake cutting



World War II saw women, previously confined to secretarial work and sewing powder bags, move into all types of work on base. It also saw the first noticeable contingent of African-American employees. This April 1945 photo of activity in the Metal Components Branch would have looked very different just a couple of years earlier.



This flagpole stands at the intersection of what was Mount Hope and Mount Pleasant roads, now Farley Avenue and Parker Road. The land behind it is now the site of building 151, constructed in 1929 to replace the administration building destroyed in the 1926 explosion.

Picatinny's rich legacy, future contributions cited at birthday celebration

BY TRACY ROBILLARD **Picatinny Public Affairs**

Picatinny leaders and employees, along with Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey's 11th District, gathered at the on-post cafeteria Sept. 7 for a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the 130th birthday of the U.S. Army's Picatinny Arsenal.

"Today is a great day for Team Picatinny, because today we get to celebrate a place of tremendous historical significance, a place where many generations of dedicated people made it the home of American firepower," said Gerardo Melendez, director of the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), the largest tenant organization here.

As early as the mid 1700s, the location was a privately-owned forge that provided armaments to the U.S. continental Army. The arsenal was officially established Sept. 6, 1880, when the War Department issued a special

order naming the "Dover Powder Depot" on the 1,866 acres it had purchased from various landowners.

Four days later, the site was renamed the Picatinny Powder Depot. In 1907, the site became Picatinny Arsenal, which now spans nearly 6,500 acres and employs a team of nearly 5,000 military, civilian and contractor employees.

"Our predecessors were there for our nation's warfighters during times of war, just as we are at present," said Brig. Gen. Jonathan Maddux, Picatinny exceptional achievements which helped men and women in uniform defend our way of life occurred right here at Picatinny. Today is a celebration of the great Picatinny workforce of the past and the exceptional work- U.S. military. force of the present."



commanding general. "Many Picatinny Arsenal celebrated its 130-year birthday with a cake cutting ceremony Sept. 7, 2010. Team members cutting the cake are (from left): Dr. Gerardo Melendez, director of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; Brig. Gen. Jonathan Maddux, Picatinny commanding general; Carlo Defranco, mechanical engineer who is Picatinny's longest-employed team member with 60 years; Michelle Malham, materials engineer who designed the cake; Maxim Savranksy, mechanical engineer who is Picatinny's newest employee, and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.

Though it is a U.S. Army in- the ceremony. "This is the home or Iraq, they have a piece of Picastallation, Picatinny has grown of American Firepower, and I'm tinny Arsenal in their hand, and longest-employed Picatinny team to become a joint-service facility, proud to represent it and to represupporting all branches of the sent all of you," he told the crowd.

"...When our young people go to tried out for the reality television Frelinghuysen also spoke at war, whether it be in Afghanistan series, "Cake Boss." protect us."

> prepared by ARDEC engineer mechanical engineer, also assisted Michelle Malham, who recently with the cake cutting.

Helping to cut the cake was the we want to make sure that piece member, Carlo Defranco, meprotects them, and continues to chanical engineer, with nearly 60 years of service. Picatinny's new-Picatinny's birthday cake was est employee, Maxim Savranksy,



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Lt. Col. Brian Bosworth shares a light moment with golfer Ryan Moore during the recent Barclays tournament.

TEE TIME -- Lt. Col. Brian Bosworth, Director of the Munitions Engineering and Technology Center, recently stepped out of character to act as tee announcer and caddie Aug. 26 during the Barclays pro-am tournament at the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J.

Bosworth caddied one hole for Phil Mickelson, who was competing in the first event of the PGA tour playoffs for the FedExCup.

The colonel, who has a 14-handicap, was one of six active-duty military members invited to work as caddies for one hole during the pro-am.

PM MAS says goodbye to organizational leaders

BY JACK CROWLEY

Special to the Voice

Employees of the Office of the Project Manager Maneuver Ammunition Systems (PM MAS) bade farewell to many of their leaders throughout the summer months.

The organizational changes began in May as friends and colleagues said goodbye to four majors during a farewell and awards presentation at The Cannon Gates Catering and Conference Center.

Maj. Todd Masternak, former Assistant Product Director for Non-Standard Ammunition, left Picatinny and is now residing in the area as he finishes his Master of Science in Systems Engineering from Stevens Institute.

Maj. Paul Alessio has assumed Masternak's former position as the Assistant Product Director for Non-Standard Ammunition.

Former Assistant Product Manager for Small Caliber Ammunition, Maj. Drew Lunoff, is attending the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Maj. Mark Meeker, former Assistant Product Manager for Medium Caliber Ammunition, is at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Former Assistant Product Manager for Large Caliber Am-



Deputy PEO Ammunition Jim Shields (center) joins departing Maneuver Ammo Majors (left to right) Todd Masternak, Patrick Baker, Drew Lunoff and Mark Meeker during their farewell celebration at the Cannon Club. (Courtesy Photo)

munition, Maj. Patrick Baker, left Picatinny in mid-July for a follow on assignment with the Operational Test Command at Fort Hood, Texas.

Changes of Management

On June 30 PM MAS Deputy Project Manager William Sanville hosted the Change of Management ceremony for Large Caliber Ammunition, during which Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Robertson passed the Large Caliber Ammunition guidon and charter responsibilities to Lt. Col. Martin A. Zybura.

During an awards ceremony that preceded the management change, Robertson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service and leadership, and his wife, Chrystal, was presented with the Commander's Award for Public Service for her many activities in support of Picatinny's Army families.

Robertson and his family have relocated to Maryland, where Robertson is now stationed at Harry Diamond National Laboratory.

During a retirement ceremony, Lt. Col. Christopher Seacord, Product Manager for Medium Caliber Ammunition, was presented with the Legion of Merit

in recognition of his superlative performance of duty both in his present assignment and throughout his distinguished 22-year career.

Sanville said that during Seacord's tenure at PM MAS, he successfully executed an annual budget of more than \$600 million, delivering more than 40 million rounds of ammunition per year to our forces.

His portfolio included 40 different ammunition products of 20 mm, 25 mm, 30 mm and 40 mm grenade calibers. Seacord will remain at Picatinny as an Army Acquisition Corps civil-

Project Manager Changes

The culmination of organizational changes occurred on July

Col. Danny A. Wiley assumed management of PM MAS from incumbent Chris Grassano, who is now the Program Executive Officer Ammunition Chief of



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Army using search and rescue dogs to 'sniff out' survivors

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A new pilot program enhances the life-saving capabilities of the Army's only rescue-focused unit by adding a few extra noses

The Urban Search and Rescue dog pilot program, which was specifically designed to augment the 911th Engineering Company, employs the natural scent-tracking capabilities of canines to find survivors in the event of a catastrophe.

The 911th, based out of Fort Belvoir, Va., is a unique, quickreaction tactical rescue unit poised to respond to natural disasters or attacks to the nation's capital.

The unit, which was renamed for the role it played in extracting victims from the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, trains year-round in saving victims from confined spaces, collapsed buildings, crumpled vehicles, mines, tunnels and high elevations.

Finding injured survivors under mounds of rubble or in hardto-reach spaces is a challenge. Adding the canine, human scentdetection may help find victims quicker and as a result save lives.

"The dogs can go over the zones much faster than we can, and they can point out to us where survivors may be," said 1st Sgt. Alexander H. Robles. "When a structure collapses, you have very small confined spaces, but spaces that are large enough for someone to survive in. Those spaces are extremely hard to search."

"Dogs are a force multiplier," said David Reiter, the canine program manager. "The sky is the limit on what you can teach a dog-you just have to harness that capability."



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Desire for measurable goal makes trainer a winner

BY MARK SANCHEZ

Special to The Picatinny Voice

Kelli Falotico, a recreation specialist at Picatinny, has known little about women's powerlifting.

In a relatively short period, however, she has picked up more knowledge along with state-wide recognition for her commitment to powerlifting.

On July 31, Falotico won first place in the state for the women's bench press at the New Jersey State's Women's Powerlifting Competition in Princeton, N.J.

She won the Champion of Champion's Award and the Raw Division Champion of Champions Award.

She briefly considered qualifying for the national championship. "I think in December there's a qualifying round for Nationals. I could be wrong about that. I only got into the sport like two months ago."

Powerlifting is a sport with

three separate events: the bench press (lifting a barbell from the chest while lying flat), the squat (standing tall, bending at the knees, and returning to the standing position with a barbell on the upper back), and the deadlift (lifting a barbell from the ground). Because of her beginner status in the sport, she only entered the bench press competition, but left with a state title.

The certified trainer has been lifting weights since she was a freshman in college, but she never considered powerlifting until a few months ago when she met her current coach, James Benemerito. She's been training with him at the Elite Tactical Mixed Martial Arts School in Mount Olive three times a week ever since.

Falotico, a member of the Forge fitness staff, has always been conscious of health and strength, but never considered lifting competitively. Then she began to feel a sort of void in lifting. She was not reaching any goals.

"I just wanted to see my hard work pay off," she said. "Everyone said 'You should just try it.' And I said, 'OK, I'll try power-lifting' because the body building wasn't really paying off. I wasn't hitting any goals.

"Before I had no motivation to train. It was like, why am I doing this? I wanted to enter a competition or something to give myself a goal to reach, rather than train for health. I do that anyway, so I may as well take it another step and enter something. Try to win something."

After only one contest, the competitive nature of sanctioned weight lifting thrilled Falotico.

"There were a lot of people there, it was really cool. It's one of those things where everyone wants the lifter to lift as much as they can, so everyone cheers. It was awesome. It was cool having all eyes on me."

During the competition she benched an increasing amount of weight with each lift.

"You have three chances, I used all three tries. You start at one weight – I started at 135 pounds. Then I lifted 148. My third lift was 159.7. There was one other girl who had a chance to do my weight, but she couldn't do it."

With her final lift of 159.7 pounds, Falotico earned a Champion of Champion's Award and the Raw Division Champion of Champion's Award. Thus, two months after beginning serious powerlifting training, she became a state champion.



Photo by Erin Usawicz

Kelli Falotico decided that weight lifting by itself was not satisfying without a specific goal.

"It feels awesome," she said.
"But I can definitely go further.
I want to be number one in all three events. I want to go national."

The recreation specialist plans to enter a "Push/Pull" competition on Oct. 22. It consists of both bench press and the dead-1:6.

After mastering these, she intends to enter all three events of powerlifting by adding the squat to her repertoire. She has always felt a competitive edge, and powerlifting is giving her its latest outlet.

"It's been self motivation. I've always wanted to be better and stronger and faster. If guys can do it then girls can, too," she added.

Falotico's unconventional method of staying competitive has been supported by the installation.

"Picatinny has been great," she explained. "The general (Maddux) said 'Good job.' My bosses have said 'Good job.' Everyone's been supportive, they've loved it."

For anyone else interested in powertraining, or any endeavor, Falotico has advice.

"If you put your mind to it, go for it. You can do it. You just have to train and have a reason to do what you do. And you have to love doing it."

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Engineers and contractors with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville District inspect an abandoned building Aug. 19 (BLDG 1186) at Picatinny Arsenal as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. The team evaluated 101 old facilities on post to develop a scope of work for decontaminating each building. Because many of these structures contain explosive materials and other hazards, they must be properly remediated before they can be demolished safely. Picatinny plans to award the decontamination contract by the end of this fiscal year.

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